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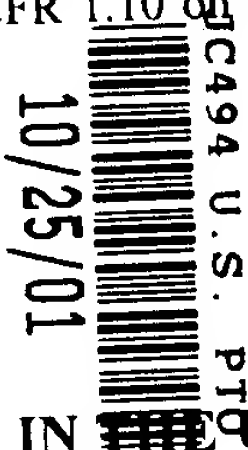
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Applicants: Hiroshi SHINOKI, et al.

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of April 25, 2001.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00, the required statutory fee for a three-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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